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John E. Whitney  
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Subject: Inspection of Property Feb. 25, 1986 10:00 A.M.  
Inspected by Frank Ryan, Health Agent and Daniel  
Mahoney, Health Inspector.

Dear Mr. Whitney:

An inspection was made of your Company, Whitney Barrell  
at 256 Salem Street by the Board of Health. The conditions  
that exists on the premises are such as might endanger the  
Public Health.

Debris, empty Drums at sides and to the rear of your build-  
ing violates State Sanitary Code #410:602 (Copy enclosed).  
Also, you may be in violation of the State Regulations govern-  
ing the Wetlands by your encroachment and leaching into the flood  
plain area.

You are hereby ordered to clean up your area so that a clean  
and sanitary condition exists. Any material or drums removed  
from the premises must be governed by the Regulations as set forth  
310 CMR 30:00 Hazardous Waste Regulations.

Very truly yours,

*Daniel F. Mahoney H.O.*

Daniel F. Mahoney, H.O.  
Health Inspector

DFM/rg

CC: Pat Brady, Conservation  
D.E.Q.E. Hazardous Waste Dir.  
E.P.A. R. Leighton  
Mayor, John Rabbitt



410.602: Maintenance of Areas Free from Garbage and Rubbish

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(A) Land. The owner of any parcel of land, vacant or otherwise,  
shall be responsible for maintaining such parcel of land in a clean and  
sanitary condition and free from garbage, rubbish or other refuse.  
The owner of such parcel of land shall correct any condition caused by  
or on such parcel or its appurtenance which affects the health or  
safety, and well-being of the occupants of any dwelling or of the  
general public.

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Whitney Barrel Company Storage Area

New Boston Street  
Woburn, Massachusetts  
and  
Woburn Street  
Wilmington, Massachusetts

## 1. Primary Site Activity:

Whitney Barrel Company is a barrel reclaiming operation located at 256 Salem Street, Woburn, Massachusetts. The property located on Woburn Street is used for the storage of drums. In addition, the site serves as a parking facility for disabled trailers which house empty cardboard barrels.

## 2. Problems Identified:

The site is very accessible with only a small portion of the property fenced and John Whitney stated that midnight dumping is very likely on his property. The poor organization of the site is the most obvious hazard identified.

## 3. Investigation to Date:

FIT Team inspection on August 20, 1980 included investigation of 21 trailers loaded with cardboard barrels, plastic barrels labeled "fruit juice" and steel drums with chemical logos. Full barrels were marked with red spray paint. Fewer than 30 barrels with contents were located, from which seven samples were obtained. No contamination was found, however, many barrels were extremely rusted and in many cases lacking lids.

## 4. Further Investigation Needed:

Only a small portion of cardboard drums in truck trailers could be examined from the back of the trucks. Two trailers labeled poison were parked back to back and could not be investigated. The identity of the material contained in the closed full barrels on the stake truck should be determined.

## 5. What Remedial Action Needed, as Recommended by FIT Team

The materials presently stored at the Whitney Barrel Company Storage are presenting no hazards to the environment. This site should no longer be considered a potential hazardous waste site.

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